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SUBJECT: CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ADN.

1. The Allgemeine Deutsche Nachrichtendienst (ADN), at Berlin NW 7, Mittelstrasse 2-4 (Russian Sector), is an overtly German owned and operated news agency, but actually works under Russian direction and control. (Reference: BSC/Ops/004 of 6 December 1946.) In addition to this function, the ADN is also the outstanding non-Russian intelligence organization serving Soviet interests in Berlin (see Berlin RIR No. 644 of 19 December 1946). What follows presents a picture of ADN as a news agency, as seen by an FR source.

2. According to source, the present staff of ADN numbers approximately four hundred persons. A Herr KRUEGER is reported by him to be chief editor and general director. Previously, KRUEGER spent a long time in Moscow with PIECK. He belongs to the Communist Party; he is OdF; he speaks excellent Russian.

3. From a purely newspaper point of view, KRUEGER stated to source that Russian licensed German newspapers are supplied with material originating with TASS. Sixty-five percent of the newspapers' contents must be made up of this TASS material, with reports from other agencies supplying the rest. This rule is supposedly also valid for news originating within Germany.

4. Source's more interesting contribution is information on the new Russian Section of ADN, which is now in the process of being built up under the direction of a Herr HUBE. HUBE, who is about sixty years old, is a former Tsarist officer, and has been active as a journalist for approximately forty years. At present this Russian Section has approximately ten employees, including a Yugoslav, a Pole, three Russian emigres, the rest Germans.

5. Eventually the Russian section is to consist of eight sub-sections, each to be headed by an editor-translator, for politics, economics, industry, science, sport, culture, etc. Material is to be taken from foreign and German news services, as well as from reports submitted by ADN correspondents, translated into Russian, and transmitted to TASS and other interested Russian agencies. In addition, an "archive" is to be begun.

6. At present the ADN is recruiting personnel who can translate German texts into Russian. Applicants are screened by the Herr KRUEGER mentioned above. Former employment, political past, and curriculum vitae are gone into.

COMMENT:

1. Another (SC) source states that Herr KRUEGER is personnel chief of ADN, and that the post of chief editor and general director is held by a Herr HANSEN. The fact that KRUEGER is interviewing and testing translator applicants would seem to bear out the information of the SC source.

2. Although the FR source has not noted its implications, the new Russian Section of ADN would seem to be another interesting intelligence development within that organization, especially since

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not only TASS but other "interested Russian agencies" are to be customers for material produced. An SC source, for example, has stated that the fat pouches from ADN correspondent EICHBERG in Munich (See Berlin RIR No. 652 of 10 January 1947) are handled "secret", and that very little of it reaches the ADN re-write desk for ordinary newspaper servicing. It may, therefore, well be assumed that such material finds its way to the "other interested Russian agencies".

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